

# Review of REFRACTIVE SURGERY

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Sean O'Keefe  
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Dear Mr. O'Keefe:


April 28 was a landmark day for the citizens of Ohio. Prevent Blindness Ohio sponsored an important initiative to address the vision needs of the state's aging population--the first statewide initiative of its kind. Social service agencies, clinicians, state and federal government representatives, and national eye researchers convened at the Ohio Aerospace Institute under the auspices of NASA Glenn Research Center here in Cleveland to begin planning how to manage the upsurge in vision-related problems in an ever increasing aging population.

The meeting launched a collaborative building effort, *Ohio's Vision: Awaken to the Challenge*, to address the needs of the 2.5 million Ohioans who will suffer age-related vision loss by the year 2030. One of the endpoints achieved was the formation of statewide voluntary collaborations to share information and partner on programs, services, policies, and other initiatives. The data and collaborations generated from this conference are unique, not only for Ohio but across the nation. For the first time, state and federal agencies joined in a comprehensive effort to find answers to this impending healthcare crisis.

This widely diverse group came together through the efforts of many hard-working, talented, and dedicated people; chief among them are the staffs of Glenn's Commercial Technology office and the Microgravity Science Division. In particular, two of Glenn's employees, Laurel Stauber, marketing specialist, Commercial Technology Office, and Rafat Ansari, PhD, aerospace scientist, Biofluid Sensor Systems, Microgravity Science Division, must be recognized for their commitment to this project.

NASA is the best this country has. The team at NASA Glenn Research Center proves it.

Sincerely,



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